



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Order 96-3-49
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Action on IATA Agreement
Issued by the Department of Transportation
on the 21st day of March, 1996

Docket: OST-96-1113 1/

Description: The agreement increases most cargo rates and related charges (except add-ons) from Hungary to points throughout the world, including U.S. points, by thirteen percent to help offset the continued depreciation of the Hungarian forint. 2/3/

We do not find the resolutions incorporated in the above docket to be adverse to the public interest or in violation of 49 U.S.C. 41309, provided that approval is subject, where applicable, to conditions previously imposed.

Accordingly, we approve and grant antitrust immunity to the agreement, subject, where applicable, to conditions previously imposed.

This order shall be effective and become the action of the Department of Transportation upon the expiration of ten days, unless within such period a petition for review is filed pursuant to 14 CFR 385.50 or the Department gives notice that it will review this order on its own motion. Such actions are subject to judicial review under 49 U.S.C. 46110.

1/ IATA Telex TG/024, filed with the Department on February 28, 1996. In a March 7, 1996, letter, IATA withdrew an unrelated proposal, initially included in Docket OST-96-1113, which introduced high weightbreak general commodity rates in several U.S.-Hungary markets.

2/ Passenger fares, cargo rates and related charges are specified in the local currency of the country of origin under procedures conditionally approved by Orders 84-5-108, May 31, 1984, and 88-4-21, April 4, 1988. IATA monitors exchange rate fluctuations and may propose offsetting fare and/or rate revisions when currency movements exceed certain criteria. The fare and/or rate revisions, however, must be filed and approved before being implemented.

3/ Higher increases, ranging up to about 150, percent apply to points in Austria, Czech Republic, Slovakia and the former Yugoslavia.

Given the noncontroversial nature of this agreement and the availability of the above procedure, we are waiving the 21-day period prescribed by 14 CFR 303.42.

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Director, Office of International Aviation

Docket OST-96-1113: Currency-related
cargo rate increases from Hungary.

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Please issue the attached order under assigned authority.

NOTE TO DOCKETS: Please post immediately.

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Attachment